

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Michael P. Ferguson

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 22 November 2004 amendment, 07 December 2004 examiner's amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-21.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 12/07/04.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/07/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Julie K. Morriss on December 7, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 6, in line 1 after "A device" inserted "--including a threaded spindle--".

In claim 6, in line 1 after "for connecting two tool parts" deleted "configured for receiving a threaded spindle".

In claim 6, in line 4 before "threaded spindle" deleted "a" and replaced with "--said--".

In claim 12, in line 1 after "A connection" deleted "for".

In claim 12, in line 10 before "shoulder extending" inserted "--projecting--".

In claim 17, in line 4 after "the two tool" deleted "parts" and replaced with "--pieces--".

In claim 19, in line 1 after "A device" inserted "--including a threaded spindle--".

In claim 19, in line 1 after "for connecting two tool parts" deleted "configured for receiving a threaded spindle".

In claim 19, in line 4 before "threaded spindle" deleted "a" and replaced with "--said--".

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

The figure label "**Fig.**" should be deleted from the drawing.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claim 6, Sanderson (US 2,022,055) discloses the claimed device with the exception of comprising a threaded spindle having at least one projecting shoulder having a coaxially centered and axially inwardly extending opening configured to receive an axially positioned tool for effecting rotation of the threaded spindle when the at least one projecting shoulder is inserted within a tool part.

As to claim 12, Sanderson discloses the claimed connection with the exception of comprising a threaded spindle having at least one projecting shoulder having a coaxially centered and axially inwardly extending opening configured to receive an axially positioned tool for effecting rotation of the threaded spindle via the projecting shoulder and opening when inserted in the first or second tool piece.

It would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify a connection as disclosed by Sanderson to have the above mentioned elements as the prior art neither teaches nor suggests such modifications.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Ferguson whose telephone number is (703)308-8591. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (703)308-2686. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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